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From: Leahy, Tina [mailto:Tina.Leahy@asm.ca.gov]
Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2011 4:18 PM
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The Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee invites you to attend an oversight hearing providing a status and update on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) on Wednesday, October 19, in the State Capitol, Room 437, starting at 9:00 AM.

The BDCP is now at a critical stage. State and Federal leaders released what they have described as "an aggressive timeline" for BDCP completion and exchanged letters reaffirming their commitment to the Plan. In addition, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Federal Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) signed a new Memorandum of Authority (MOA) with certain state and federal water agencies who receive export water supplies from the Delta detailing how the remaining planning process will be funded and conducted, including environmental review. At this hearing, we plan to get an update regarding the status of the BDCP process and information regarding the BDCP MOA.

On November 16, 2010, this Committee held a prior hearing on the BDCP where issues such as equitable governance, the need for robust science, and local Delta concerns regarding integration in the planning process were discussed. This hearing presents an opportunity to revisit each of those issues and find out what progress has occurred in the interim.

The BDCP is analyzing an isolated conveyance facility around, or under, the Delta in conjunction with habitat restoration and other measures as the basis of a Habitat Conservation Plan/Natural Community Conservation Plan to provide the State Water Project Delta facilities operated by DWR with federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) and California Endangered Species Act CESA coverage for a fifty-year permit term. It is anticipated that an ESA consultation on the plan would also provide Reclamation with new federal biological opinions and incidental take statements for the federal Central Valley Project.

The latest information on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan, including the correspondence and MOA referenced above, as well as draft documents, can be found at: <http://baydeltaconservationplan.com/>.

If you would like additional information regarding Delta issues, including SB 1 (Simitian) from the 2009 historic water package, which imposed certain procedural and substantive requirements on the BDCP, a link entitled "Water Package Implementation" is available on the web site of our Committee Chair, Assemblymember Jared Huffman. Text highlighted in blue is embedded throughout the Water

Package Implementation site. By right-clicking on that text you will be directed to explanations of terms and additional background information, including bill text. The link can be found here:
<http://www.asmdc.org/members/a06/water-package-implementation/item/2843-water-package-implementation>.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call. A draft agenda is under development and an official file notice will be appearing shortly.

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